

**REMARKS**

Claims 5-11, 13, and 15 are pending in this application. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowance of claims 11, 13, and 15 and the indication that claims 5-10 contain allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, claims 1-4, 12, and 14 are cancelled without prejudice and claims 5-10 have been rewritten in independent form. In light of the amendments and remarks set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims is in immediate condition for allowance.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 11, 13 and 15 are allowed and that claims 5-10 contain allowable subject matter. As such, Applicant has rewritten claims 5-10 in independent form to expedite prosecution of this case.

Applicant has responded to all of the rejections and objections recited in the Office Action. Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If the Examiner believes an interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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